The study was conducted for CNN via telephone by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted from **December 06 to December 09, 2018** among a sample of **1,015** respondents. The landline total respondents were **406** and there were **609** cell phone respondents. The margin of sampling error for total respondents is +/-3.8 at the 95% confidence level. More information about SSRS can be obtained by visiting www.ssrs.com. Unless otherwise noted, results beginning with the March 31-April 2, 2006 survey and ending with the April 22-25, 2017 survey are from surveys conducted by ORC International. Results before March 31, 2006 are from surveys conducted by Gallup.

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Q2. (A2) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling (INSERT ITEM)? (CONTINUED)

(Half Sample B Respondents, N=495)

The U.S. relationship with Saudi Arabia	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
December 06-09, 2018*	27%	52%	21%

* Asked of half sample

Q21. As you may have heard, a journalist who lived in the United States and wrote critically about the government of Saudi Arabia was murdered after entering the Saudi consulate in Istanbul in October. How closely have you been following news about this situation – very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

	NET Very/Somewhat closely	Very closely	Somewhat closely	NET Not too/Not at all closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	No opinion
Dec 06-09, 2018	**58%**	22%	35%	**41%**	20%	21%	2%

Q22. Based on what you have heard or read, do you think the U.S. response to Saudi Arabia's role in the murder of that journalist has been:

	Too tough	Not tough	About right	No opinion

		enough		
December 06-09, 2018	2%	58%	22%	18%

MORE ON METHODOLOGY

A total of **1,015** adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Among the entire sample, **32**% described themselves as Democrats, **26**% described themselves as Republicans, and **42**% described themselves as independents or members of another party.

All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, and telephone usage.

Results for the full sample have a margin of sampling error of +/- **3.8** percentage points. For the sample of **919** registered voters it is +/- **3.9** percentage points.

Crosstabs on the following pages only include results for subgroups with enough unweighted cases to produce a sampling error of +/-8.5 percentage points or less once adjusted for design effect. Some subgroups represent too small a share of the national population to produce crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. Interviews were conducted among these subgroups, but results for groups with a design-effect adjusted sampling error larger than +/-8.5 percentage points are not displayed and instead are denoted with "N/A".

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TABLE 009
Question A2U
A2U. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling The U.S. relationship with Saudi Arabia?
Base: Respondents who are in half sample B

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Trump ap-prove	Trump disap prove
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	27%	32%	22%	36%	N/A	62%	1%
Disapprove	52%	48%	55%	48%	N/A	17%	83%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	21%	20%	22%	16%	N/A	21%	15%
Sampling Error (+/-)	5.3	7.0	8.1	6.3		7.8	7.7

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	27%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	29%
Disapprove	52%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	51%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	21%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19%
Sampling Error (+/-)	5.3						6.1

	Total	<$50K	$50K+	Non-coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White non-coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	27%	N/A	30%	31%	21%	N/A	N/A
Disapprove	52%	N/A	55%	45%	65%	N/A	N/A
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	21%	N/A	14%	24%	14%	N/A	N/A
Sampling Error (+/-)	5.3		6.8	7.1	7.5		

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	27%	N/A	28%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disapprove	52%	N/A	46%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	21%	N/A	26%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sampling Error (+/-)	5.3		8.2				

	Total	Lean Demo-crat	Lean Repub lican	Reg. voter
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	27%	2%	55%	29%
Disapprove	52%	79%	26%	53%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	21%	19%	19%	18%
Sampling Error (+/-)	5.3	8.0	7.8	5.5

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TABLE 047
Question 21
21. As you may have heard, a journalist who lived in the United States and wrote critically about the government of Saudi Arabia was murdered after entering the Saudi consulate in Istanbul in October. How closely have you been following news about this situation - very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?
Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Trump ap-prove	Trump disap prove
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Closely (Net)	58%	54%	61%	64%	46%	56%	63%
Very closely	22%	22%	22%	24%	18%	17%	28%
Somewhat closely	35%	32%	39%	40%	28%	39%	35%
Not closely (Net)	41%	44%	38%	35%	52%	43%	36%
Not too closely	20%	23%	17%	18%	23%	20%	20%
Not at all closely	21%	21%	21%	17%	30%	23%	17%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	2%	3%	*	1%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	4.9	5.7	4.5	7.0	5.6	5.4

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Closely (Net)	58%	40%	55%	66%	75%	43%	69%
Very closely	22%	10%	17%	29%	36%	12%	31%
Somewhat closely	35%	31%	37%	36%	39%	32%	38%
Not closely (Net)	41%	59%	43%	34%	22%	55%	29%
Not too closely	20%	22%	26%	18%	13%	23%	17%
Not at all closely	21%	37%	17%	16%	10%	32%	12%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	2%	1%	3%	*	3%	2%	1%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	8.3	8.2	6.4	6.5	6.4	4.3

	Total	<$50K	$50K+	Non-coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White non-coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Closely (Net)	58%	48%	66%	51%	73%	56%	78%
Very closely	22%	18%	26%	17%	34%	18%	35%
Somewhat closely	35%	30%	40%	34%	39%	38%	43%
Not closely (Net)	41%	50%	33%	48%	26%	43%	21%
Not too closely	20%	22%	19%	23%	13%	23%	10%
Not at all closely	21%	29%	14%	25%	13%	20%	12%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	6.4	4.9	4.9	5.5	5.9	6.5

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Closely (Net)	58%	68%	50%	57%	69%	57%	53%
Very closely	22%	30%	21%	16%	31%	23%	17%
Somewhat closely	35%	38%	30%	41%	38%	34%	36%
Not closely (Net)	41%	31%	49%	42%	30%	42%	46%
Not too closely	20%	17%	24%	18%	17%	22%	22%
Not at all closely	21%	14%	24%	24%	14%	20%	24%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	2%	1%	1%	1%	*	2%	1%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	7.1	5.7	7.2	7.9	6.1	6.2

	Total	Lean Demo-crat	Lean Repub lican	Reg. voter
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Closely (Net)	58%	66%	54%	62%
Very closely	22%	30%	16%	24%
Somewhat closely	35%	36%	38%	38%
Not closely (Net)	41%	34%	45%	37%
Not too closely	20%	18%	22%	20%
Not at all closely	21%	16%	23%	17%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	2%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	5.6	5.5	3.9

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TABLE 048
Question 22
22. Based on what you have heard or read, do you think the U.S. response to Saudi Arabia's role in the murder of that journalist has been:
Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-white	Trump ap-prove	Trump disap prove
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Too tough	2%	3%	1%	1%	4%	3%	2%
Not tough enough	58%	53%	62%	61%	52%	38%	75%
About right	22%	29%	16%	22%	23%	39%	10%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	18%	15%	21%	16%	21%	20%	13%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	4.9	5.7	4.5	7.0	5.6	5.4

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Too tough	2%	4%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Not tough enough	58%	52%	62%	58%	60%	55%	60%
About right	22%	23%	20%	21%	26%	21%	24%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	18%	21%	18%	19%	12%	22%	15%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	8.3	8.2	6.4	6.5	6.4	4.3

	Total	<$50K	$50K+	Non-coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White non-coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Too tough	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Not tough enough	58%	56%	63%	53%	67%	56%	68%
About right	22%	21%	23%	25%	18%	24%	19%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	18%	22%	13%	20%	13%	19%	11%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	6.4	4.9	4.9	5.5	5.9	6.5

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Too tough	2%	3%	2%	1%	0%	3%	3%
Not tough enough	58%	77%	53%	43%	83%	61%	39%
About right	22%	8%	25%	36%	6%	22%	37%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	18%	12%	19%	20%	11%	13%	22%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	7.1	5.7	7.2	7.9	6.1	6.2

	Total	Lean Demo-crat	Lean Repub lican	Reg. voter
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Too tough	2%	3%	2%	1%
Not tough enough	58%	76%	40%	60%
About right	22%	10%	38%	22%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	18%	12%	21%	16%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.8	5.6	5.5	3.9